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SUBJECT: LAGOS INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

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1. MOST SUITABLE LODGINGS IN LAGOS ARE AT EKO HOTEL AND KURAMO LODGE, BOTH MANAGED BY HOLIDAY INN AND OPENED WITHIN PAST YEAR. NO PRICE GOUGING OR BRIBERY IS TOLERATED, AND RESERVATIONS ARE SCURPULOUSLY HONORED. PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS: EKO HOTEL - SINGLE 30 NAIRA, DOUBLE 45 NAIRA: KURAMO LODGE - SINGLE 30-35 NAIRA, DOUBLE 35-40 NAIRA. RATE OF EXCHANGE AVERAGES DOLS 1.60 TO 1 NAIRA.

2. EMBASSY HAS CONFERRED WITH RESIDENT MANAGERS OF BOTH OTELS WHO HAVE SAID THEY WOULD DO BEST TO HELP AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN FAIR. THEY ADVISE, HOWEVER, THAT RESERVATIONS WITH ADVANCE PAYMENT BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSITILE. WE NOW ATTEMPTING TO RESERVE BLOCK OF 10 DOUBLE ROOMS IN EMBASSY'S NAME AT EKO HOTEL FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 13. HOTEL WILL HOLD RESERVATIONS PENDING NAMES OF OCCUPANTS UNTIL JUNE 30, AT WHICH TIME WE MUST CONFIRM OR RELINQUISH. HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE RECEIVED COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL NAMES OF USERS BY THEN.

3. ECON SECTION MEMBERS PREPARED TO LODGE AS MANY EXHIBITORS AS CAN FIT INTO THEIR HOMES IF HOTEL SPACE PROVES INSUFFICIENT.

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4. FEDERAL SURVEYS OFFICE HAS NEW DRAFT MAP OF LAGOS CITY WHICH INCLUDES FAIR SITE BUT PRINTING HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES THAT MAP WILL APPEAR IN MAY. EXISTING CITY MAPS DO NOT INCLUDE FAIRSITE.
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